



2015 Christmas Tree Information San Isabel National Forest



SAN CARLOS RANGER DISTRICT
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(719) 269-8500

PERMITS: This year the San Carlos Ranger District will be selling Christmas tree permits from November 9th to December 24th. **Permits can be purchased at Forest Service offices in Cañon City and Pueblo during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For purchases in La Veta, call (719) 742-3681 or Westcliffe, call (719) 783-2079 for office hours.**

COSTS: Permits cost \$10.00 per tree with a limit of 2 trees per family.

CUTTING DATES/TIMES: Cutting allowed between the dates of November 9th through December 31st. No tree cutting will be permitted after December 31st.

TREES: Tree species available include native White Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Engleman Spruce, Douglas-fir, Piñon Pine, and Rocky Mountain Juniper. These native trees may not be as well formed as trees found on commercial lots. Tree cutters are asked to cut stumps down to within 6 inches of the ground. **Do not cut trees larger than 6 inches in diameter at the base. "Topping" of larger trees is not permitted.**

AREA: Tree cutting will be permitted across the entire National Forest within the San Carlos Ranger District with the exception of designated Wilderness areas and administrative sites such as campgrounds. For alternate cutting areas and current access, call the District Office at (719) 269-8500, or outlying Work Centers; La Veta (719) 742-3681; Lake Isabel (719) 489-3370; Westcliffe (719) 783-2079.

The suggested tree cutting areas are along State Highway 78 in the Wet Mountains or along Forest Service Road 386, South Hardscrabble

DIRECTIONS TO SH78:

From Cañon City: Travel east on U.S. Highway 50 approximately 5 miles, turn right at the Florence exit onto State Highway 67 and stay on State Highway 67 through Florence and to Wetmore, then turn to the right onto State Highway 96 and go approximately 9 miles to McKenzie Junction, then turn left onto State Highway 165 and go approximately 14-15 miles, then turn left onto State Highway 78 and keep following the road until you see the four cutting areas that are shown on the map.

From Pueblo: Take State Highway 78 past Beulah to approximately 1.5 miles inside the National Forest. Keep following the road until you see the four cutting areas that are shown on the map.

DIRECTIONS TO FSR 386, SOUTH HARDSCRABBLE:

From Pueblo: travel West on Hwy 96 to Wetmore,

From Cañon City: travel east on Hwy 50, 5 miles to the Florence exit (Hwy 67), then west from Florence on Hwy 67 to Wetmore,

From Wetmore travel 4.2 miles west on Hwy. 96 to Forest Road #387, turn left, continue on Road 387, 3.4 miles then turn right onto Forest Road #386 (South Hardscrabble Road), continue to the Forest boundary to the beginning of tree cutting area. You can also enter this tree cutting area from Hwy 165, about 6 miles south from McKenzie Junction.

VEHICLES: Four-wheel drive vehicles or tire chains may be required to access some areas within the National Forest



CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING GUIDELINES

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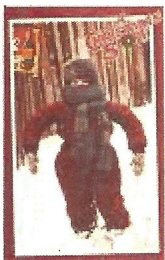
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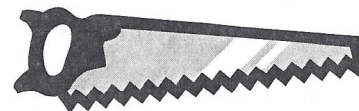


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Do not cut trees larger than 6 inches in diameter at the base.



Be prepared for winter weather. It may be necessary to walk some distance from where you have parked in order to find a desirable tree, so wear appropriate foot gear.

Hand saws and axes are adequate for cutting trees. Chainsaws are not allowed.



A short length of rope will help in sliding your tree back to your vehicle.

Tree cutters are responsible for knowing public land boundaries.

Pets should be kept on a leash.

SLOW DOWN, Watch out for kids playing.

Don't forget to bring proper equipment to tie your tree to your vehicle. The fat end of the tree should be towards the front.

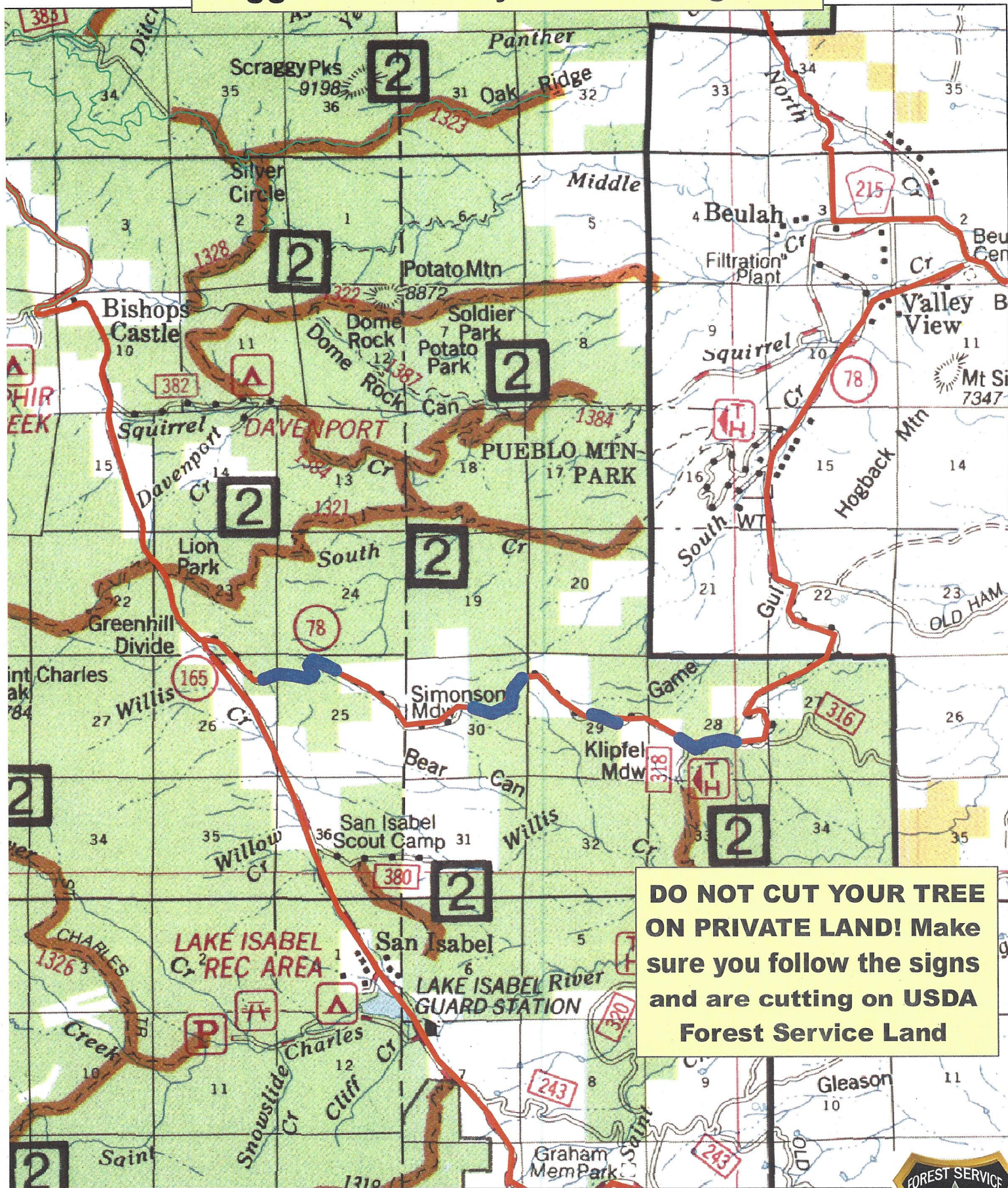


Merry Christmas

NO CUTTING OR TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE LAND!

Persons removing trees from the National Forest without a valid permit are subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or 6 months incarceration.

Suggested Holiday Tree Cutting Area



Legend

0 0.3 0.6 1.2 Miles

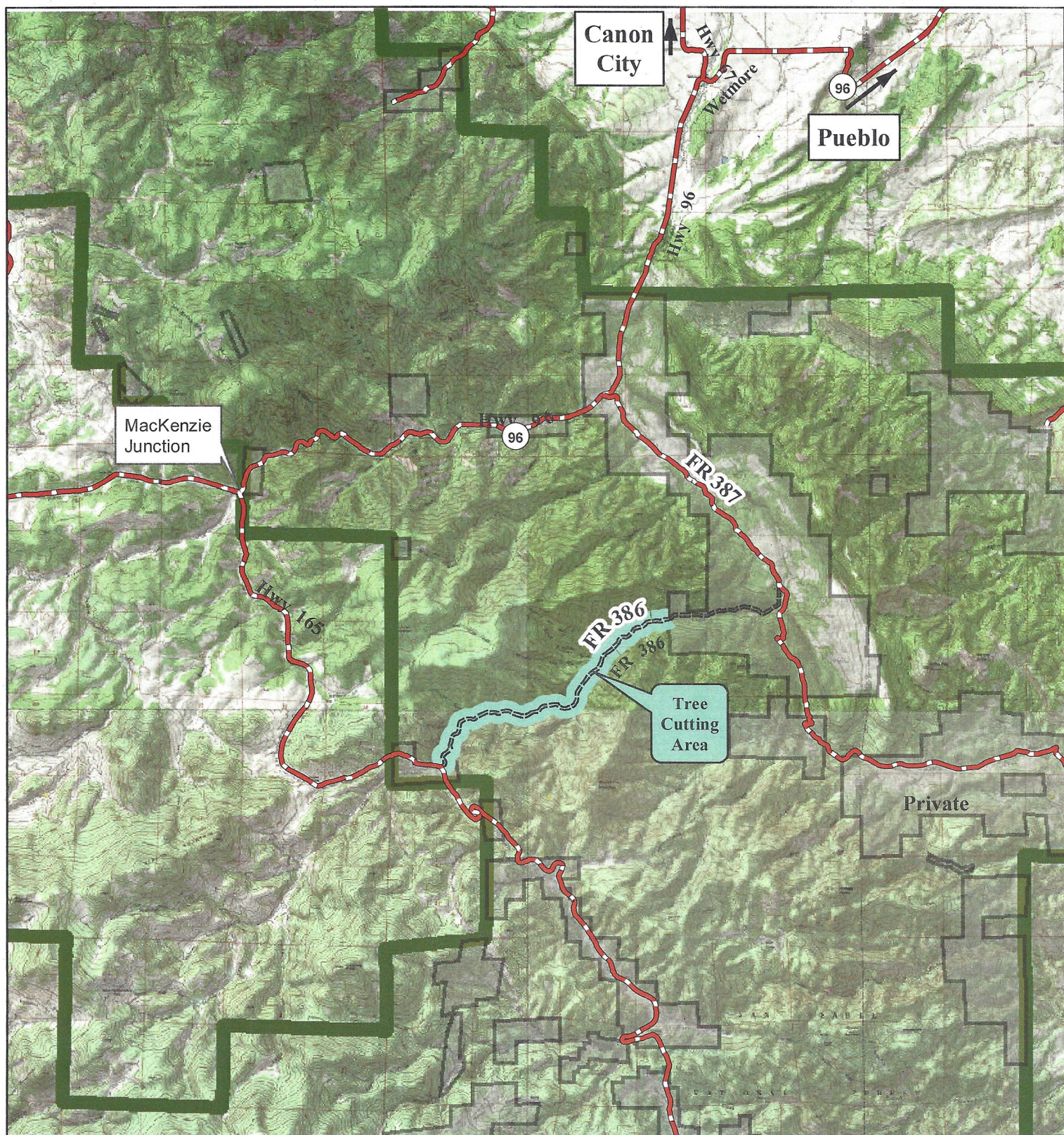


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FSR 386, SOUTH HARDCRABBLE CUTTING AREA



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